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Re: Site Maintenance, USMX, Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Crisp 

Thank you for taking the time on October 28, 1999, to discuss the USMX reclamation success and cattle trespass situation. I believe our call was beneficial to both of us in the way of furthering our knowledge of the situation.

I appreciate that your office is in favor of our fixing the fence at the USMX mine. As stated in my letter of September 7, 1999, we will use some of the remaining bond funds to pay Mr. Dan Slyter to assist Mr. Doug Jensen of our staff in making repairs to the fence. As you offered in your September 30, 1999 letter, the BLM is willing to provide materials to repair the fence. Mr. Jensen has informed me that limited materials exist to contribute to this effort. We will coordinate with your staff in this regard.

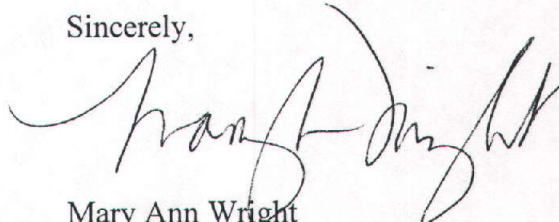
Concerning the issue of cattle trespass and the deleterious effect of premature grazing on revegetation success, I believe you added greatly to my insight into the cattle behavior and use of the area. As well, I now understand better the DI Ranch owner's view of the situation. I was pleased to learn that two of BLM's range conservationists have been working quite closely with the DI Ranch staff to let them know that reclamation success at USMX mine is very important to the BLM. I was further heartened to hear that DI Ranch needs to take careful heed of the situation or they will be assessed triple damages if they do not respond right away when they are notified of a cattle trespass problem. I understand from our conversation that the BLM does not expect to keep the cattle out entirely and also recognizes that there will always be some cows there due to the "very wiley" nature of the cattle. Nonetheless, it seems that the BLM now expects bigger and better things from DI Ranch and that DI Ranch is now on notice of that.

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As we both recognize at this point, it is just the BLM and Oil, Gas and Mining, a federal and a state agency, in charge of this reclaimed mine as far as site management goes. Your praise of Mr. Doug Jensen's work was very much appreciated. We, too, are quite complimentary of his service to the site and share in praising him for the resultant reclamation success.

It seems to me that our collective persistence and attention to this matter has been well worth the time spent on this issue. Hopefully, this letter adequately summarizes our discussion on the matter. We look forward to our continued cooperation on the stewardship of this site. Should further concerns arise or if I have mis-characterized our discussion, please call me at 801-538-5306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright", written in a cursive style.

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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